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1. CONFIDENTIAL -- ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. U/S WIRTH MET SEPTEMBER 24 WITH GOR VICE
PRESIDENT KAGAME TO DISCUSS RECENT ALLEGATIONS OF KILLINGS
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BY THE RPA AND THE BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES FACING THE NEW
GOVERNMENT. KAGAME ADMITTED THAT INDIVIDUAL REPRISALS, AND
EVEN LOCALLY ORGANIZED ONES, WERE TAKING PLACE, BUT
CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT SUCH ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN
AUTHORIZED BY HIS GOVERNMENT. KAGAME INSTEAD EMPHASIZED THE
COMPLEXITY OF THE PROBLEM AND HIS LACK OF RESOURCES TO
ADDRESS IT, AND ALLEGED THAT "OUTSIDE FORCES", INCLUDING
UNHCR, WERE UNDERMINING HIS GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO FOSTER
NATIONAL RECONCILIATION. U/S WIRTH PUSHED KAGAME TO ADDRESS
THE ISSUE PROACTIVELY AND STRESSED US WILLINGNESS TO HELP
WHEREVER POSSIBLE. SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION COVERED PROBLEMS

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WITH THE FORMER RWANDAN ARMY IN ZAIRE, REPATRIATION OF RECENT REFUGEES, RETURN OF LONG-TERM EXILES FROM BURUNDI, AND THE NEED FOR FAMILY PLANNING TO ADDRESS POPULATION PRESSURES IN RWANDA. END SUMMARY.

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2. U/S WIRTH RETURNED TO KIGALI SEPTEMBER 25 TO MEET WITH GOR VICE PRESIDENT PAUL KAGAME. ALSO PRESENT WERE US AMBASSADOR RAWSON, US AMBASSADOR TO BURUNDI KRUEGER, ACTING DCM CECSARINI AND SPECIAL ASST JOYCE. FOLLOWING INTRODUCTORY REMARKS, U/S WIRTH EXPLAINED DEEP US CONCERN WITH REPORTS OF KILLINGS AND INTIMIDATION OF HUTUS BY RPA TROOPS, ESPECIALLY IN SOUTHERN AND SOUTHEASTERN RWANDA. U/ WIRTH PRAISED GOR WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH UN AGENCIES TO INVESTIGATE THE REPORTS AND EMPHASIZED US EAGERNESS TO HELP WITH NEXT STEPS. AT U/S WIRTH'S INVITATION, AMB KRUEGER ALSO TOLD OF REPORTS HE HAD HEARD AND INVESTIGATED IN BURUNDI OF RPA ATROCITIES.

3. KAGAME RESPONDED AT LENGTH, BLAMING "OUTSIDE FORCES" (PRIMARILY COLONIAL POWERS AND UNHCR) FOR DIVISIONS IN
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RWANDAN SOCIETY AND SAYING THAT HE NEEDED "HARD FACTS," BUT LACKED THE RESOURCES TO INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE. WITH RESPECT TO THE ALLEGATIONS, KAGAME CRITICIZED ATTEMPTS TO DRAW SIMILARITIES BETWEEN CURRENT RPA ACTIVITIES AND THE GENOCIDE EARLIER THIS YEAR, SAYING THAT THE LATTER MUST BE ADDRESSED IN THE INTEREST OF THE "HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLE." KAGAME ADMITTED THAT REPRISALS WERE TAKING PLACE AND THAT SOME MAY HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, AND STATED THAT ARRESTS WERE BEING MADE AND THOSE RESPONSIBLE SHOULD AND WOULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. HOWEVER, KAGAME INSISTED THAT SUCH ACTIVITIES HAD NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED BY HIS GOVERNMENT, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HE ALSO ALLOWED THAT DISCIPLINE AMONG HIS TROOPS MAY HAVE SLACKENED, OWING TO THE NUMBER OF NEW RECRUITS FROM DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS, CONTACT BETWEEN TROOPS AND WHAT KAGAME TERMED "TEMPTATIONS," AND EXPECTATIONS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PROVIDE THINGS IT COULD NOT.

4. U/S WIRTH RESPONDED THAT US APPRECIATED COMPLEXITY OF PROBLEMS FACED BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT AND WANTED TO DO AS

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MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO HELP SAVE LIVES AND PRESERVE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, THROUGH, FOR EXAMPLE, ASSISTANCE WITH GENOCID INVESTIGATIONS AND HELP TO ESTABLISH A JUDICIAL SYSTEM. AT THE SAME TIME, KAGAME AND HIS GOVERNMENT NEEDED TO GET OUT IN FRONT OF THE REPORTS AND MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS ABOUT WHAT THEY ARE DOING, TOGETHER WITH UNAMIR AND UNHCR, TO ADDRESS THE ALLEGATIONS. AMB. KRUEGER ECHOED THIS AND

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EMPHASIZED THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF US PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS ON OUR ABILITY TO HELP THE
NEW GOR.

5. U/S WIRTH THEN ASKED KAGAME'S VIEW ON HANDLING THE FORMER RWANDAN ARMY TROOPS IN ZAIRE AND HOW TO ENCOURAGE REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES. KAGAME SAID THE EX-FAR SHOULD BE MOVED AWAY FROM THE REFUGEES, BY FORCE IF NECESSARY, AND THAT INNOCENT REFUGEES WERE BEING HELD HOSTAGE BY THE FORMER ARMY TROOPS.

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6. ASKED ABOUT EXILES RETURNING FROM BURUNDI, KAGAME SAID THEY WERE COMING DESPITE ATTEMPTS TO DISCOURAGE THEM.

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7. U/S WIRTH CLOSED WITH A QUESTION ABOUT WHAT SORT OF FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS WERE POSSIBLE IN RWANDA AND WHETHER KAGAME THOUGHT THAT CURRENT POLITICAL PROBLEMS WERE THE

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RESULT OF POPULATION PRESSURE. KAGAME SAID HE DID NOT KNOW MUCH ABOUT FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS, AND THAT, ALTHOUGH HE RECOGNIZED THAT POPULATLON WAS A PROBLEM, HE DID NOT BELIEVE IT WAS THE CAUSE OF CURRENT PROBLEMS, WHICH HE TRACED BACK

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TO COLONIAL TIMES.

8. COMMENT. KAGAME IS CLEARLY VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE REPORTS OF RPA KILLINGS AND RECOGNIZES THEIR POTENTIAL IMPACT AND THE NEED TO INVESTIGATE THEM.

USG HELP

TO REBUILD THE NATIONAL JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND ESTABLISH A CULTURE OF ACCOUNTABILITY WOULD ASSIST GREATLY IN EFFORTS TO

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BREAK THE CYCLE OF REVENGE AND FOSTER NATIONAL
RECONCILIATION. END COMMENT.

9. U/S WIRTH HAS CLEARED THIS MESSAGE. RAWSON

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